

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Office, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Martin (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0217264), hereafter “Martin,” in view of Matsubara (U.S. Patent No. 2003/0225796), hereafter “Matsubara.” Applicants assert that the references cited by the Office do not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention. For example, with respect to independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 28, Applicants submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest presenting to the user in a user interface a list of files on the computer system along with a list of links to other computer systems to which the user has access, the list of files having all files that the user is authorized to access irrespective of a location of the files within the computer system, the files being specific files that are independent of each other, wherein the list of files is determined based on the access control permissions. The Office admits that Martin does not teach this feature of the claimed invention. Instead, the Office cites a passage of Matsubara.

However, as admitted by the Office, the passage of Matsubara cited by the Office teaches only display of files in a directory. To this extent, the files of Matsubara are dependent upon the

file structure, i.e., they are in the same directory. As such, nowhere does Matsubara present a list of files on the computer system along with a list of links to other computer systems to which the user has access, the list of files having all files that the user is authorized to access irrespective of a location of the files within the computer system, the files being specific files that are independent of each other.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest that the desired file is retrieved in isolation from an operating system of the computer system. Conversely, neither of the references cited by the Office teaches or suggests this feature. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw its rejection.

With respect to dependent claims, Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above with respect to the independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all dependant claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity.

However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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